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For:	METHOD OF PREPARING AGGLOMERATED SILICA		

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 24, 2005, with a response due March 24, 2005 Applicants elect the following Group without traverse:

Group No. I. Claims 1-7, drawn to methods of preparing silica particle agglomerate, classified in class 516, subclass 80.

This amendment is filed within statutory time, therefore we believe no fee is due. However, by way of this amendment, Applicants hereby authorize any fee to be deducted from Deposit Account No. 14-0105 in order to maintain pendency of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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